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Torrance, California
September 13, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, September 13, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 23, 1938, an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 25, 1938 and of an Adjourned Meeting of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 31, 1938 be approved as written.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Los Angeles County League of California Municipalities, announcing the next meeting for September 15, 1938 at Long Beach. All those desiring to attend the meeting are to notify Clerk Bartlett.

A communication was read from the City of Redondo Beach, requesting the presence of the City Council at a meeting to be held September 21, 1938 for the purpose of discussing the Alondro Park assessment problem. No action.

A communication was read from the City of Inglewood, enclosing a resolution adopted by the City Council of Inglewood recommending the appointment of Raymond V. Darby to succeed Leland M. Ford as Supervisor of Los Angeles County in the event a vacancy occurs due to the election of Mr. Ford to the United States Congress. It was suggested that the City of Torrance adopt a similar resolution. Clerk Bartlett suggested that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up such a resolution for presentation at the next meeting, which suggestion met with the approval of the Council.

A communication was read from the Southwest District Highways Association, enclosing a copy of a Resolution requesting that legislative action be taken to designate the Hawthorne LaBrea Route as a State Highway for its entire length. The cooperation of the City of Torrance in furthering this action was requested. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the City Attorney for consideration and with the authorization to draw up a similar resolution for presentation at the next meeting. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Union Oil Company of California, requesting the approval of the City of Torrance of an adjustment of rental periods under franchise ordinances to run from July 1, to June 30 annually instead of on the anniversary of the effective date of the granting of franchises.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Board of Education, advising that the Quandt Pumping Station had been requested to remove its water line from the alley adjacent to the Waltheria School site, which is proposed to be vacated. It was stated further that the Board of Education agrees to reimburse Quandt Pumping Station for this work.

A communication was read from the Ladies Council of the Torrance Christian Church, advising that that organization is capable and desirous of catering to banquets and dinners and expressing a wish to bid in all future instances.

A communication was read from the Torrance Womans' Club, requesting an appropriation of \$75.00 to cover expense of California Federation of Womans' Clubs meeting to be held in Torrance September 15, 1938.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE No. 308

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REGULATING PARKING ON WATSON AND
CARSON STREETS BETWEEN MANUEL AVENUE AND COTA
AVENUE

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 308 be dispensed with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 308 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall reported that he had investigated the financial standing of the Moyle Oil Company, who have expressed a desire to lease the city dump property for oil and gas development, and that said company is sound financially. No action was taken on the matter at this time.

Attorney McCall presented a lease from the Pacific Electric Railway Company for beautification purposes of the property from Western to Border Avenues, Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign a lease between the City of Torrance and the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock presented a request by Mr. J.C. Smith for removal of two trees at 1451 El Prado Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be denied. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$233.81 be made for 1 2" Homelite Pump complete for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson presented and read a report covering activities of the Police Department for the month of August, 1938.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Glidden, manager of the Cravens Apartments, reported that a very disagreeable condition exists due to the noise of the civic auditorium functions, especially at the Friday evening dances when automobiles are run in and out of the alley adjoining the apartment house, stating that the occupants of the cars make a great deal of noise. The matter was referred to the Police Department.

Mrs. Brown asked again if sidewalks could not be put in on the property north of Torrance Boulevard on Cedar Street. After a great deal of discussion, it was decided that Mr. Young is to obtain names and addresses of property owners along that street from the assessor's office, Mrs. Brown to circulate a petition among the property owners as a means of starting proceedings.

Neil Silence extended an invitation to the Council on

behalf of the Torrance Junior Musicians of America to attend the dress rehearsal being held Monday, September 19, 1938 at the Womans' Club.

Mr. Silence explained that the purpose of this is to raise funds to send the orchestra to San Francisco Fair next year to compete for the cup being awarded the best Junior Musicians Orchestra.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:36 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bander
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

W. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance